mechanisms to facilitate innovation processes. The measures include *Inter-alia,* Patent Facilitation, Establishment of Science & Technology, Entrepreneurship Parks, Technology Business Incubators, Tcchno-Entrcpreneur Promotion Programme (TEPP), Programme Aimed at Technology Self-Reliance (PATSER) and assistance provided by the Technology Development Board for the commercialization of innovative ideas and projects. There are also programmes for supporting grass-root level innovations through the National Innovation Foundation. Taken together, the various programmes offer a comprehensive range of services and facilities for scientific and technological innovations to flourish. Although there is presently no proposal for the formulation of a National Innovation Policy, the Government has taken note of the suggestions made in the news report.

Regulatory Authority for Biotech Agri-Products

771. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to stale:

(a) whether All India Biotech Association has been seeking clarifications from Government about setting up of a regulatory authority for biotech products, Genetically manipulated agri-products, the policy on segregation after genetically manipulated crops commercialised and the kind of labelling requirements necessary; and ...

(b) if so, the clarifications provided for safeguards against possible hazards of Genetically manipulated agri-products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Sir, the All India Biotech Association has not submitted any formal representation or proposal for setting up of a regulatory authority for biotech agri-products.

(b) Docs not arise, in view of the above.

Earthquake tremor in Jabalpur

t772. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the possibility of earthquake tremors likely to occur in Jabalpur, as per the scientific point of view; tOriginal nonce of thc question was received in Hindi.